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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI JUNE 20 FM BOMBAY REPEATED FOR
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QUOTE

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1. THE WEEKEND FINANCIAL EXPRESS, INDIAN EXPRESS AND
ECONOMIC TIMES CARRIED REPORT OF RECENTLY RETURNED INDIAN
DELEGATION LED BY K. S. NARANG, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY
OF COMMERCE, WHICH CONCLUDED THAT INDIA CAN EXPORT RS.350
MILLION WORTH OF GOODS FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS BEING
SET UP IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED
SETTING UP AN APEX BODY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE CONCERNED
MINISTRIES AND SELECTED MANUFACTURERS TO COORDINATE EXPORT
EFFORTS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. ACCORDING TO THE DELEGATION,
A LARGE VOLUME OF EXPORT CAN BE SECURED IN VIEW OF
THE EXPANDING PROGRAM OF THE CANDU TUPE OF POWER REACTORS
IN OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS ARGENTINA AND ITALY. THEY
RECOMMENDED THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE FORHURNKEY PROJECTS
IN THIRD COUNTRIES WITH AND WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF
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THE CANADIAN AGENCIES.

2. TODAY' S ECONOMIC TIMES, DATELINED OTTAWA JUNE 19, CARRIED THE COMMENTS OF J. L. GRAY, PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OF CANADA, QUOTED BY THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, AS SAYING THAT THE CONTINUED POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA ON THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY HAD EFFECTIVELY ENDED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND THE PROVISION OF SUPPLIES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN INDIA. MR. GRAY IS REPORTED AS HAVING SAID THAT WHILE THE SITUATION MIGHT PROVE TO BE BETTER FORTHE INDIANS IN THE LONG RUN, IT WOULD CERTAINLY MEAN THAT THEY WOULD FACE A ROUGHTIME IN THE COMING YEARS, OR POSSIBLY DECADES, IN BUILDING NEW POWER STATIONS. AS REPORTED BY THE ECONOMIC TIMES, CANADA SUPPORTS THE TREATY AND, ACCORDING T THE GLOBE AND MAIL, INDIA HAS NOT GIVEN ANY INDICATION SO FAR THAT IT WILL ENTER INTO ANY SPECIAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADA COVERING FUTURE POWER PLANTS TO ALLOW CANADA TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY.

3. USAEC SCI REP REQUESTS TEXT OF CABLE PASSED ON TO A. S. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR, DIP, USAEC, GERMANTOWN. SIGNED BANE UNQUOTESCHNEIDER

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